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37. "Algæ of the Pribilof Islands," by Dr. W. A. Setchell. Thirty-eight species noted.

Many of these papers deserve more extended notice or review, but this note may serve as an index to them.

D. S. J.

**Fishes of the Potomac River.** — In the *United States Fish Commission Bulletin* for 1898, Dr. Hugh M. Smith and Mr. Barton A. Bean give a valuable list of the fishes found in the waters of the District of Columbia, with notes on their distribution. Eighty-one species are enumerated.

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**The Reappearance of the Tilefish.** — In May, 1879, Captain Kirby, of Gloucester, discovered in the deep waters south of Nantucket a very remarkable fish, brilliantly colored and of high value as food. This fish was described by Goode and Bean as *Lopholatilus chamaeleonticeps*, and the common name of the tilefish was suggested by Dr. Goode. This name alludes to its tile-like coloration, being also an available syllable of *Lopholatilus*, its scientific name. In 1882 vast numbers of tilefish were killed by a cold storm, and were found floating in the Gulf Stream. Since that time the species has not been seen until 1897 and 1898. The explorations of the *Grampus* under the auspices of the United States Fish Commission show that the species now occupies its original range, having recovered from the partial extermination of 1882. A full record of these investigations is given by Dr. Hermon C. Bumpus in the *Bulletin of the United States Fish Commission* for 1898.

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**The Nervous System of the Bony Fishes.** — Dr. C. Judson Herrick, of Denison University, contributes to the *Bulletin of the United States Fish Commission* for 1898 a valuable study of the peripheral nervous system in bony fishes.

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**A Filefish New to the United States.** — Dr. Hugh M. Smith, in the *Bulletin of the United States Fish Commission* for 1898, describes and figures a species of filefish new to the waters of the United States, and which he refers to *Alutera monoceros*, a species of the Indian Ocean and tropical Pacific. The specimen was taken at Woods Holl by Mr. Vinal N. Edwards, and is evidently like so many others found in this locality, a straggler brought from the West Indies by the Gulf Stream.